

## House Resolution 2289

By: Representatives Burkhalter of the 50<sup>th</sup>, Parrish of the 156<sup>th</sup>, Hanner of the 148<sup>th</sup>, Greene of the 149<sup>th</sup>, Richardson of the 19<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and expressing appreciation to House Speaker Emeritus Terry Coleman; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Terry Coleman is one of the most distinguished leaders of the State of  
4 Georgia and a native son and lifelong resident of Dodge County; and

5 WHEREAS, after graduating from Dodge County High School, he went on to earn an  
6 Associates Degree at Reinhardt College and later earned a Bachelor of Science degree in  
7 Criminal Justice and a Juris Doctor degree; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Coleman is a well known and respected member of the Middle Georgia  
9 business community in his firm, Coleman and Company Benefits, Inc., and as a member of  
10 the boards of directors of two financial institutions; and

11 WHEREAS, he has been active in civic affairs, serving as a member of the Eastman  
12 Volunteer Fire Department for many years, as a member of the Mercer Medical School Board  
13 of Governors, and as a member and past president of the Chamber of Commerce; and

14 WHEREAS, he and his wife Carol Cofield Coleman are the proud parents of two children  
15 and have two grandchildren and he is well known as a devoted family man; and

16 WHEREAS, the Colemans are valued members of the First Methodist Church of Eastman;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, despite his outstanding service and accomplishments in other arenas, Mr.  
19 Coleman is best known as a member of this House of Representatives where he has served  
20 since 1973, chairing numerous committees, including a number of years as Chairman of the

1 House Appropriations Committee; and in 2003, he was chosen for the highest position of  
2 honor by his colleagues when they elected him Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

3 WHEREAS, Speaker Emeritus Coleman is treasured by his colleagues in the House for his  
4 wisdom and knowledge of legislative matters; his courtesy, fairness, wit, and friendship; and  
5 his untiring devotion to the best interests of the State of Georgia and her people; and

6 WHEREAS, he has achieved many great accomplishments on many fronts, but no cause has  
7 been closer to his heart than economic development for rural Georgia and all of Georgia; and  
8 no one has done more to advance that cause; and

9 WHEREAS, it is proper that this body should pay tribute to its former leader, Speaker  
10 Emeritus Coleman, for his outstanding leadership and his many enduring contributions to this  
11 House of Representatives.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
13 the members of this body hereby join in expressing appreciation to House Speaker Emeritus  
14 Terry Coleman.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
16 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Speaker Emeritus Coleman.